

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

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For: **Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other
Molecules Associated With the
Cytokinin Pathway**

Art Unit: To be assigned

Examiner: To be assigned

Atty. Docket: 16517.256 /38-21(15094)C

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request entry of the following amendments in the above-captioned application:

In the Specification:

Please **replace** the section labeled "CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS" with the following replacement section.

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C §119(e) and/or 35 U.S.C § 120 of applications No. 60/067000 filed November 24, 1997; No. 60/069472 filed December 9, 1997; No. 60/071,064 filed January 9, 1998; No. 60/074,201 filed February 10, 1998; No. 60/074281 filed February 10, 1998; No. 60/074567 filed February 12, 1998; No. 60/074565 filed February 12, 1998; No. 60/075462 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075461 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075464 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075460 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/075463 filed February 19, 1998; No. 60/077231 filed March 9, 1998; No. 60/077229 filed March 9, 1998; No. 60/077230 filed March 9, 1998; No. 60/078368 filed

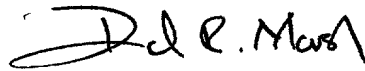
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Remarks

The specification has been amended to clarify the priority information. No new matter enters by this amendment. The presently pending claims are believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at 202-942-5174 to address any unresolved issues remaining in this application.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No.50-1824 referencing matter number 16517.256.

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**Marked up version of the replacement section pursuant to
37 C.F.R. 121(2)(iii)**

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